

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

Please replace the title with the following:

**METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR CHECKING AN INCOMING BIT STREAM FOR  
ERRORS**

Please insert the following before the paragraph beginning on page 1, line 3:

**Background of the Invention**

**1. Field of the Invention**

Please insert the following before the paragraph beginning on page 1, line 7:

**2. Discussion of the Related Art**

Please insert the following before the paragraph beginning on page 3, line 23:

**Summary Of The Invention**

Please insert the following before the paragraph beginning on page 6, line 1:

**Brief Description Of The Drawings**

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**Detailed Description**

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What is claimed is: